

TWIN LAKES

HIKING TRAIL

WELCOME to the Twin Lakes Hiking Trail. This 16.5 mile trail starts at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area, on the Black Cherry Trail, and ends at the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Tionesta Scenic Area.

FINDING THE TRAIL—The Twin Lakes Trailhead is located at Twin Lakes Recreation Area, off State Route 321 between Kane and Wilcox. The trail can also be accessed at the State Route 66 and Forest Road 152 crossings. This trail can be found on the James City, Russell City, and Ludlow quadrangle maps.

HIKING THE TRAIL — The trail is marked with gray diamonds. The trail is designated MORE DIFFICULT and is best suited to hikers and backpackers. At the Twin Lakes Recreation Area, the trail climbs from Hoffman Run over the plateau and then drops into the headwaters of Wolf Run on its way to South Branch Tionesta Creek. After crossing South Branch Tionesta Creek and then Crane Run, a designated wilderness trout stream, the trail then climbs into the Tionesta Scenic Area. The Twin Lakes Trail ends at the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Tionesta Scenic Area. Hikers then have the opportunity to hike north or south on the North Country National Scenic Trail, a 96.3 mile trail on the Allegheny National Forest. The Twin Lakes Trail is the second longest hiking trail on the Allegheny, and was intended to provide more long distance, cross-country hiking opportunities.

Wolf Run, Tionesta Creek, and Crane Run are popular trout fishing streams. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission recognizes Crane Run as a designated Wilderness Trout Stream. Portions of the trail pass through oil and gas fields. Some sections of the trail are wet at certain times of the year.

REGULATIONS—This trail is for hiking. Motorized vehicles, ATV's, mountain bikes, and snowmobiles are not allowed on the trail. Forest trails policy prohibits the use of saddle, pack, or draft animals on hiking or cross-country ski trails. Camping is allowed along the trail as long as your equipment does not block the trail.

SAFETY — The skill level of this trail is MORE DIFFICULT and you should be in good health to enjoy it. We encourage you to hike with at least one other person and to leave your itinerary with friends so they will know where to look if you do not return on time or need assistance.

This trail is open for winter hiking. Remember to dress in layers appropriate for the weather conditions. Be aware that this trail is used by hunters in the spring and fall. It is a

good idea to wear bright fluorescent colored clothing during these periods. The water in the developed recreation areas is safe to drink. Water from other sources should be boiled before consumption.

Forest Visitors may encounter a variety of dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to inform yourself about these inherent risks and precautions.

EMERGENCY – Call 911. The nearest hospital is located in Kane, north on SR 321. Please report any unsafe trail conditions such as downed trees and missing signs or trail markers directly to the Marienville Ranger Station. We appreciate your support.

VOLUNTEERS—If you, a friend, or your club are interested in volunteering to help maintain this trail area, please contact the Ranger District.

CUSTOMER SERVICE—The Ridgway and Kane communities are full-service communities. We would like to hear about your trail experience. Please report any unsafe trail conditions. We appreciate your support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this and other recreation opportunities, contact:

Marienville Ranger District

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www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny

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LEAVE NO TRACE! OUTDOOR ETHICS

1. PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Know the regulations and special concerns for wilderness.
- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
- Use a map and compass to reduce your chance of becoming lost.



2. TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
- Protect riparian areas by camping at least 100 feet from lakes and streams.
- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites. Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy. Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.
- In pristine areas: Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit of solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 100 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

4. LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Hang your food in a bear-bag to protect it and avoid habituating animals to humans as a food source.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

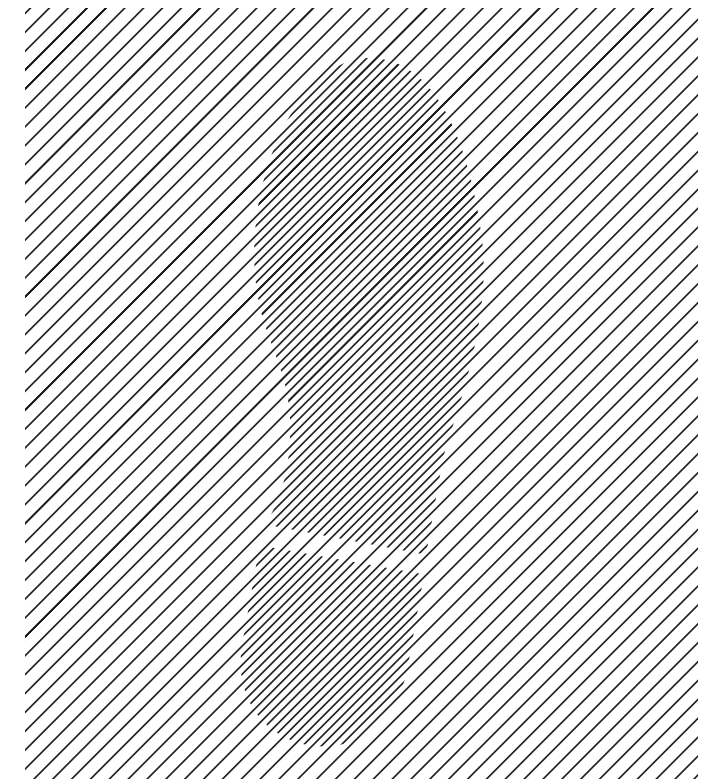
- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics, visit the Leave No Trace Inc. website at www.lnt.org.



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7 Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Principles

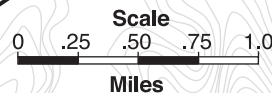
1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Land stewardship ethics courtesy of Leave No Trace (www.LNT.org)

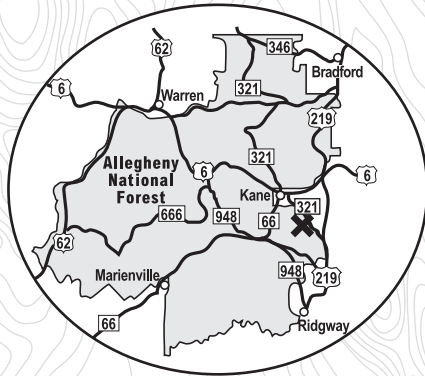


Legend

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| Parking/Trailhead | Railroad Grade |
| Campground | State Route (948) |
| Trail | Forest Road (444) |
| Picnic Area | Primitive Road |
| Stream | Natural/Scenic Area Boundary |
| Other Trail | 1.2 Mileage Between Points |
| Gate | |



Trailhead At Twin Lakes Elevation = 1740'
Elevation Range = 1460' - 2060'
Elevation At NCNST = 2060'



See
Brush Hollow/
Mill Creek Trail
brochure for information
on this trail.

